

## Year 4

Welcome to Year 4. We are very much looking forward to working with you this year and getting to know your children.

Now that your children have settled into KS2, much of the routines will be the same. Please find below details of our daily routines and other key information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in asking us.

Your teachers this year are:

Dali	Mrs Crossinggum
Lowry	Mrs Norman
Picasso	Ms Pearce

We are lucky enough to have many other staff members in our year group, who are there to support individual children as well as the classes as a whole. The support staff are:

Mrs Hoxley, Mrs Davies, Miss Guyatt, Mrs Hudson, Mrs Mac, Miss Woolford, and Mrs Bartholomew. Mrs Rumbelow will teach all classes PPA

### Routine

- If you arrive before 8.45 please do not leave your children unattended in the playground or in the school building. There is no supervision of children until the classroom door opens at 8.45.
- P.E. kits are needed in school *at all times* as we never know when we might have an impromptu session. Please ensure long hair is securely tied back and **no** jewellery is worn on both the class PE days. This includes earrings and bracelets. Please make sure girls have a spare pair of socks for days when they wear tights to school.
- Home time – please let your teacher know in writing or by email to the school office if it is anyone other than a parent who collects your child. If this changes then the class teacher will expect a letter to state new collection details or you may call the office if details change in the day.

### Snacks and Lunches

- No sweets, sesame seeds or nuts please. We are a nut free school due to some children having severe allergies. We encourage children to bring a piece of fruit/veg in from home to eat at playtime. Please no biscuits, popcorn or crisps.
- Please ensure children bring a bottle of water (no juice or squash) to use in class AND a drink in their lunch. It is really important children have both as otherwise they miss time in lessons going out to get a drink.
- No birthday foods in the school – this is in line with our Healthy Schools Policy.

### Homework

- Homework will be sent out on Monday and, unless otherwise stated, is expected back in on the following Monday. Your child will have two homework books, each a different colour. These are on alternate weeks with only one being at home at a time.
- Children are expected to complete one piece of English and one piece of Maths homework a week in addition to reading. However, homework may also be child specific depending of the needs of the individual child. Sometimes we send out homework on another topic.
- If your child has any worries about their homework over the course of the week, we are available to explain the homework to them individually. Please ask your child to make us aware of this themselves before the end of that week.
- In Year 4, the children are expected to independently change their reading book without guidance whenever necessary. Please be aware that reading records can contain details of any reading – not just school books. If your child is a free-reader they are able to choose a book from one of the appropriate collections at school or they may choose one of their own books at home. We encourage the children to make comments on their own reading in the record books so please discuss their opinions and thoughts about what they have been reading.

### Rewards and sanctions

- All the classes have a clear set of individual rules to promote good behaviour and a positive learning environment, which are clearly displayed. We praise the children, give out stickers, house points and raffle tickets and celebrate the children's achievements in Golden File worship.
- Where sanctions are needed, children will have to miss minutes of their playtime, or have a timeout in another class. Miss Coton and Mrs James will be involved if the behaviour continues & we will speak to parents.

### Other key information

- Hooke Court 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019
- Each class will have 15 trumpet lessons – the last of which will be a performance to parents. 4P have started; 4D will be in the spring term, 4L in the summer term.
- Assessments are ongoing throughout the year. Don't forget there will be a national times tables test at the end of this academic year, so please keep on practising with your children.

### Parent/Carer support

You can help your child at home in a number of different ways.

- Speak to your children about their individual targets and encourage them to think about these when completing homework. Always encourage them to attempt work that is an appropriate challenge for them.
- Encourage neat presentation of homework (e.g. complete work in pencil)
- Regular times tables practise, ready for the assessment at the end of the academic year. Please also get them used to using a number keypad, as the answers will have to be typed in. Knowing their way around a number keypad will help them to answer the questions in a more timely manner.
- Reading, reading, reading! Even if your child is a confident independent reader, please hear them read a range of books and discuss their reading with them to promote their comprehension skills. You can also read to them, take it in turns to read or use audio books. Exposure to rich and engaging language is so important and obviously helps them to become more able and competent writers. We have a list of suggested reading books, as detailed on [Booktrust.org.uk](http://Booktrust.org.uk).
- Please be vigilant when allowing your child to access the internet. At times, they may need to use the internet to help with their homework. This should be supervised, in line with e-safety practices.

We are always available to be contacted regarding any aspect of your child's learning or schooling. Please feel free to make an appointment either directly with the class teacher or via the office.

Thank you for your support